



Los Angeles County Commission on Local Governmental Services

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MINUTES

August 7, 2007 Meeting
500 West Temple Street
Sybil Brand Conference Room 372
Los Angeles, CA 90012

The meeting was called to order at 9:16 a.m. by Chairperson Richard Rosenthal.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 5, 2007 MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Rozell, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, the June 5, 2007 minutes was approved as presented.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Rosenthal reported that the commission has the following vacancies:

- First District – Gloria Molina, Supervisor
- Second District – Yvonne Braithwaite Burke, Supervisor
- Mayor's Office – City of Los Angeles
- Independent Cities Association

Chairperson Rosenthal emphasized the importance of whoever is considered to be the representative for the League of Cities must be available to attend and participate in the meetings.

Commissioner Martinez assured that she has a potential representative to fulfill the 1st District vacancy. She will work with Commissioner's Reddock and Spence to secure a representative for the 2nd District and the Mayor's Office of Los Angeles. Commissioner Kelley and Parlow also mentioned that they have potential representatives for the League of Cities and the 2nd District respectively.

Chairperson Rosenthal directed the Commissioners to speak with their prospective representatives and provide an update at the next meeting.

DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL COMMISSION PROJECTS

Commissioner Leiga stated that the County has changed its governance structure. The new Chief Executive Officer structure consists of five (5) clusters, one of which focuses on Local Government. He recommended the commission consider the possibility of working with or partnering with the Assistant Deputy Chief Executive Officer (DCEO) on Local Governmental affairs. He will schedule a meeting with the Assistant DCEO on Local Government and report back to the commission.

Chairperson Rosenthal discussed the Grand Jury Report and mentioned that historically the commission has received assignments from this document. Commissioner Rozell requested a copy of the report to review potential assignments.

Peter Papadakis will send a copy to Commissioner Rozell.

Chairperson Rosenthal asked if anyone had a specific project or issue area they would like for the commission to review.

In response to Chairperson Rosenthal, Commissioner Kelley suggested that when the commission evaluates a project or idea they should acquire small wins first and build a credible track record as a group.

Chairperson Rosenthal noted the commission participated in projects that have made a huge impact on County and Local Government operations. In the past, the commission has tried to facilitate enabling legislation which would allow for more control of commission objectives. However, when the Board of Supervisors and the City Council gave the commission the authority to conduct larger projects, the projects were not expected to be completed all at once. The commission was given time to meet and prioritize projects accordingly.

With respect to larger projects, the commission was provided a study period to discuss the project, how they viewed the project and whether they were comfortable with the scenario. Also, the project Chair for that study period was responsible for determining the overview, and intended outcome of the project. Once this was completed, it would be broken down into operational pieces. The commission would gain approval by the Board of Supervisors and informed them that they would report on the project incrementally. He mentioned the Public Service project grew when they began using this approach.

Chairperson Rosenthal informed the commission that they were responsible for the following:

- Responsible for taking away Air 5 from the Sheriff's Department and giving it to the Fire Department
- Precipitated the task force between the different agencies and Governmental entities that created the radios on the same frequencies and the mobile transmitters. Because of this project, the Sheriff's Department can now communicate with the Fire Department and the County can communicate with the City.

Commissioner Leiga indicated the Department of Regional Planning and the Department of Public Works are two large departments that are working on various projects that impact cities and residents. For instance, the Department of Regional Planning uses a GIS system that includes a bleak imaging of the entire County. Subsequently, other agencies are taking part in this project.

Chairperson Rosenthal reminded the commission of their involvement in the original GIS project. They were going to setup a visit to the command center to revisit the GIS demonstration so everyone on the commission could see firsthand the effectiveness of the GIS system.

Commissioner Leiga mentioned that since the DCEO's role has been put into place decisions on how to deal with surplus property now becomes a decision of an operating officer. This is an area the commission may have some opportunity to become more effective in. Since the restructuring of the County is now in place, the commission may be able to complete past projects.

Commissioner Leiga will research and find out which Assistant DCEO is in charge of the Real Estate Division.

Because of important business obligations, Commissioner Breunig will be unable to Chair commission projects.

STUDY COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE STATUS REPORT

- Taxi Cab Project Report (Chairperson Rosenthal)

Chairperson Rosenthal briefed the Commission on the Taxicab study and on the on-going discussions with Zev Yarolavsky, Supervisor, Third District and the City of Los Angeles. He stated the study is at a standstill. He informed the commission that Councilmember Wendy Gruel and Alisa Katz, 3rd District, will be meeting to discuss this matter in more detail.

Commissioner Leiga reported the problems identified with taxis affect the entire County including the various cities and unincorporated areas. If lack of cooperation from the City continues, the commission should pursue the Taxicab study without L.A. City's involvement.

Commissioner Kelly stated there are issues that affect every city such as; bandit cabs, gas price adjustments, public safety, taxi meter fraud and cleanliness of cabs. The potential for establishing a policy that is consistent across the County could be achieved.

Alternatively, Commissioner Reddock suggested proposing the Taxicab Study to the Mayor's Office. She indicated that this will directly involve the Department of Transportation and mentioned that they are developing a 5-year Strategic Plan which includes focus on the Taxicab industry.

Chairperson Rosenthal reported the 3rd District is in support of moving forward on the Taxicab Study and more details will be provided within the next two weeks.

MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR A FUTURE MEETING)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard J. Rosenthal
Tyler Kelly
Algird Leiga
Sharon Martinez
Matthew Parlow
Jeanne Breunig
Angela Reddock
Kenneth D. Rozell
Sharon Martinez

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

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Gordon Gray
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David Spence
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